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Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site Proposed to National Priorities List

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), is proposing to place the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is EPA's list of uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites identified for long-term cleanup under the federal Superfund program.

The Gulfco Marine Maintenance, Inc. (Gulfco) facility encompasses approximately 40 acres that is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Freeport, Texas, along the southern Gulf Coast of Texas. The site lies within the 100-year coastal flood plain along the north bank of the Intercoastal Waterway between Oyster Creek to the east and the Old Brazos River Channel and the Dow Barge Canal to the west.

The NPL proposal docket is available for review at the Freeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport, TX 77541.

Community members are invited to comment on the proposal to place this Site on the NPL. A 60-day public comment period begins September 5, 2002, and ends November 4, 2002. Please send written comments (an original and three copies) to:

**Docket Coordinator
Headquarters, U.S. EPA
CERCLA Docket Office (5305T)
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460**

After reviewing public comments, EPA will make a final decision regarding placement of the Site on the NPL.

For more information about the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site, contact Ruben Moya, U.S. EPA Remedial Project Manager, at 214-665-2755, or Duke Ducote, U.S. EPA Community Relations Coordinator/SEE, at 214-665-6658 or 1-800-533-3508 (toll-free).

Technical Assistance Grant Available for Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site

The EPA is announcing the availability of a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site. This TAG is available to a local citizens' group to hire a technical advisor to interpret Site studies and/or Site-related health information for area residents.

Only one grant of up to \$50,000 may be awarded to a citizens' group at any one site. To be eligible for a grant, a group must incorporate. Also, the applicant must meet a 20 percent matching requirement, which may be in cash or donated services.

If you are interested in applying for this grant, or if you need additional information, please call or write:

**Beverly Negri, TAG Coordinator
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